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Dalgarn withdraws application from VCSA pool

Four candidates remain in hunt for top spot in Student Affairs

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

UTM media outlets will interview the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs candidates live on WUTM 90.3 FM.

The candidate list, however, has narrowed itself to

four people without any further consideration from the search committee.

Dr. Melinda Dalgarn has notified Vice Chancellor Al Hooten that she will no longer seek the vice chancellor position at UTM. Hooten, who chairs the search committee, says that Dalgarn has

pursued another employment opportunity.

Dalgarn's withdrawal from the search process means that UTM will not host a vice chancellor candidate until April 19 when Dr. Deborah Hebert visits campus. Hebert will be followed by Dr. Gary Gaston on April 20, Dr. Leroy Durant on April 24 and David Belote on April 27.

Each of the candidates will



Dalgarn

community tours, meeting with the student media, lunch with the chancellor's staff, meeting with the directors

have nine appearances on campus, including a meeting with the chancellor, campus and community tours, meeting with the student media, lunch with the chancellor's staff, meeting with the directors

in student affairs, a campus open forum, a meeting with Equity and Diversity Officer Ann Duncan, dinner with the search committee and a meeting with the student open forum.

Faculty, students and community members are invited to attend the campus open forums. Each of these forums will be held at 3 p.m. in the legislative chambers

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SPECIAL REPORT

Tickets required for graduation

Each graduate will receive six tickets for friends, family

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

A record graduating class and a high-profile commencement speaker has UTM administrators scrambling to accommodate the crowds.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen has been selected as the keynote speaker for spring commencement, which will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13. The Elam Center arena and Skyhawk Fieldhouse will open at 9 a.m.

To control access to the Elam Center, each graduating student will receive up to six complimentary tickets to admit guests.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan said that the change was difficult, but necessary.

"This is something that no one really likes that we're having to do because of increased numbers of graduating seniors and grad students and the new seating configuration in the Elam Center," Dunagan said.

Graduating students will receive their tickets at the Grand Finale Walk on Wednesday, May 3, and later that afternoon at the Student Commencement Practice in the Elam Center.

For more information about the Grand Finale

"This is something that no one really likes that we're having to do ..."

— Dr. Nick Dunagan
Chancellor

event, contact Charley Deal at cdeal@utm.edu or (731) 881-7610.

Tickets for graduating students will remain available in the Office of Academic Records until 5 p.m. Friday, May 12.

"We felt like if we didn't improve the process, it could be very difficult to ensure that the parents of all the graduates would be able to enter the arena," Dunagan said.

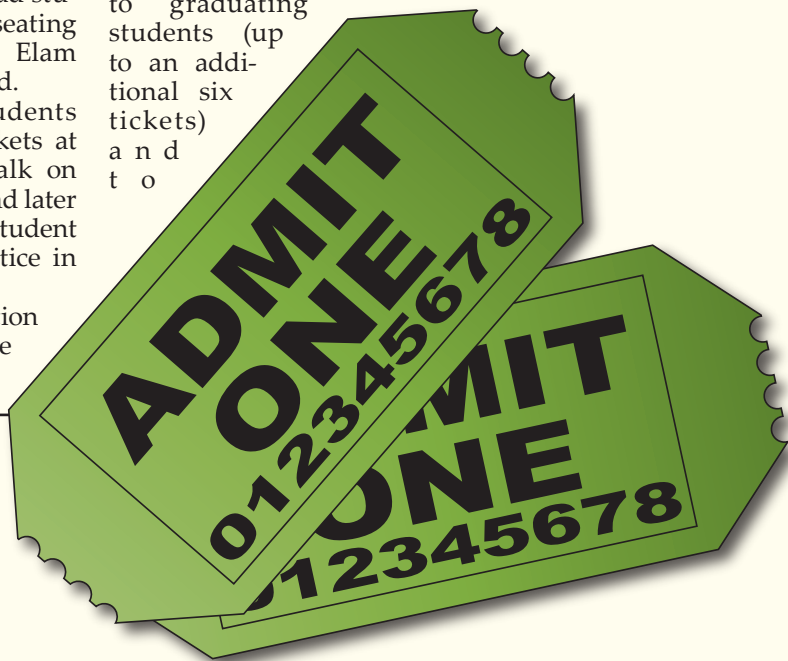
A limited number of additional complimentary tickets will be available to graduating students (up to an additional six tickets) and to

the campus and general public (up to two per person) on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Wednesday, May 3, in the Office of Academic Records.

Any tickets not claimed by 5 p.m. Friday, May 12, will be distributed to the general public at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at a designated area outside the Elam Center before the commencement ceremony.

Overflow seating with a video and audio feed of the ceremony will be provided in Skyhawk Fieldhouse for all guests without tickets. A reception will be held in the Fieldhouse after the ceremony for all in attendance.

Graduating students will receive information about tickets in the Senior Letter from the Office of Academic Records and in the Grand Finale Celebration Letter from the Office of Alumni Relations.



Each graduate will receive six tickets to give to guests. Guests without a ticket will be seated in the Fieldhouse.

Student Government Elections

Chambers, Orr to campaign for presidency

Most senate, council seats go uncontested in Senate

Will York
News Editor

Only two positions will be contested in this year's Student Government Association election, scheduled for April 12-13, which will elect Senate and the three SGA Executive Committee members.

All senators serve one-year terms, which means all seats are up for election next month.

Of the 22 Senate seats, one race in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts is contested, with all other races in Senate being unopposed.

The College of Humanities and Fine Arts is allotted three Senate seats based on the number of students with majors falling under the college's oversight, and six candidates are running for those three seats.

Even after next month's elections, one seat will remain vacant in the College of Business and Public Affairs, as well as the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Only three candidates are running from Business and Public Affairs, although the SGA Constitution currently requires four members from that college. Five candidates are running from Education and Behavioral Sciences, but the Constitution requires seven representatives from that college. No one is running to represent the College of Bachelor of University Studies and online students, even though one seat was added for BUS and New College representation in the 2005 election.

In last year's election, only one Senate race was contested, which was for the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. One vacancy was created in Humanities and Fine Arts because of a deficiency of candidates.

— See 'Elections' on Page 5



Erin Chambers



James Orr

Professor from partner university in Quebec to speak

Staff Reports

Dr. Pierre-Andr  Tremblay, professor of Sociology at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, UTM's partner institution in Quebec, will visit campus this week.

As part of his visit, he will give a lecture, "Contemporary Quebec: Social Changes and the Affirmation of National Identity," from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the Norman Campbell Auditorium in the Andy Holt Humanities Building. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and

Criminal Justice and the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

Even as late as the 1950s, Quebec was still a rural, somewhat inward-looking society, strictly regulated by the Church (in education and social welfare). By the turn of the century, it had become the most liberal society on the continent, with the "modern" welfare state completely displacing the Church in its traditional social and educational roles. As it evolved through these social changes in the so-called "Quiet Revolution," Quebec also began affirming a distinct "national" iden-



Tremblay

ity, which found partial expression in the separatist movement, according to a UTM press release.

In his lecture, Tremblay will discuss both Quebec's social and political "agendas" and will show how, at times, they coincide while, at others, they diverge and actually conflict with one another. He has pursued extensive research on contemporary Quebec society and has contributed much to the Web "encyclope-

International Speaker

dia" on Quebec (supported by the provincial government and several universities), called "Panorama du Quebec."

"He is a knowledgeable, dynamic speaker," said Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the UTM Center for Global Studies and International Education, "and his remarks should be informative and thought-provoking."

This event is free of charge, and the general public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 731-881-1023.

Our View

Editorial: Calendars running amok at UTM

Students who have been drinking the ‘Get Involved’ Kool-Aid from Student Affairs are likely to be seen running around campus confused next week as headliner events compete for the same dates and same times.

Did groups on campus actually plan? The UTM Rodeo, Pike Fights, All-Sing and a Lyric Opera Theater are scheduled to take place next week. The Rodeo is scheduled for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We hope no rodeo fans want to see Pike Fights, since it is scheduled to take place at the same time on Friday as the rodeo.

All-Sing is also competing with the rodeo, debuting on Saturday night. So maybe there aren’t many who have an ear for music. But, those who do will have to choose between viewing All-sing and the Saturday night opening of Hansel and Gretel by the Lyric Opera Theater.

Would it not make sense to try to have these events at different times? Pike

Fights will benefit the Weakley County Reading Railroad. It would be great if the rodeo enthusiasts would have an opportunity to go to both the rodeo and Pike Fights, but shortsighted scheduling efforts will prevent such from happening.

Our trusted SGA is no different. It wants students to participate in SGA, particularly by voting in the SGA elections. How does SGA get its constituents involved? It schedules the only SGA election debate on the same night as an academic speaker that is required attendance for many students.

As our fearless leaders say, get involved. Make a choice next week in what you will attend. Either way you will be seeing bull. It may be the large bovine that’s straddled for an anticipated eight seconds by some of the greatest athletes on our campus. Or it may be UTM’s finest showing their ability to mark events on a calendar as efficiently as a drunken idiot adorned with gel pens and highlighters.

Bull and bout not working together

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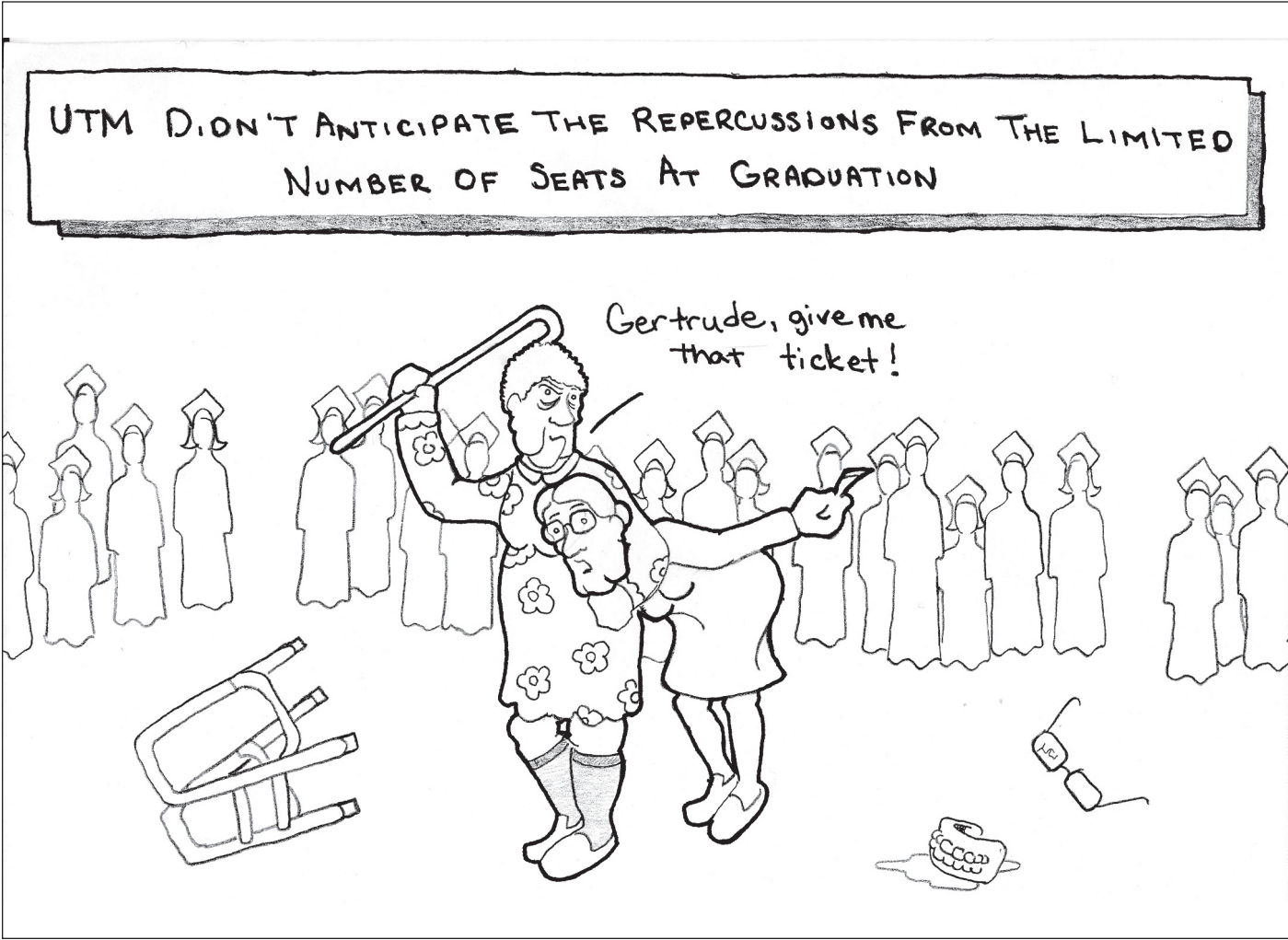
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Letters to the Editor

Old newspapers could be used as food for cattle.

I was born and raised on a farm in rural are of Deland, Fla., just 20 minutes inland of Daytona Beach. I can remember about 16 years ago sitting down at the dinner table watching the news with my family.

You see dinner was always served at six o'clock, just after finishing the usual farm chores and just before homework. There was only conversation between commercials. My dad took the news very serious.

I remember one night a story that came on that

featured a small farm in London that was recycling the town’s old newspapers using cows. You see newspaper is simply ground cellulose material, with makes excellent roughage for cows, and the ink is made of vegetable oil.

My dad looked at me, and I looked at the pile of newspaper for recycling at the door that I was to put out before morning. I didn’t even have to ask. Soon after dinner I ran out and the cows began recycling.

A few weeks had passed, when one day our news deliverer noticed me feeding

the cows their daily news. He in return had told one of the reports, and a reporter came out and did a story on it.

In the research of his story he did confirm that the cows were in no harm of their consumption, and was in fact an excellent source of roughage.

So the next day, there stood one of my cows on the front page with the news journal’s name clearly visible in her mouth.

To get to my point, I’ve become increasingly concerned with the amount of old newspapers. The New

York Times and The Pacer are stacked up in classrooms in Gooch as well in classrooms in Humanities. Who ever made the deal with the Times, needs to shorten the order and spend our money wiser. My suggestion is instead of sending these ridiculous accumulations of newspapers to the dump to rot and become a landfill, is to let the cows eat. I’m sure the goat would like a try too.

R.B. Kaiser
Special Education
Deland, Fla.

Survival instincts shouldn’t be against the law

A couple of weeks ago when I wrote about the lack of common sense that some people obviously have, I never thought I’d be writing on that topic again so soon. Then again, I didn’t stop to think about some of the laws that we have.

Laws, of course, are written to protect people and when someone breaks one, the general consensus is that that particular person should be punished.

But there are sometimes special circumstances that should be taken into consideration. Sometimes it might just be wrong to enforce a law or prosecute someone for breaking that law.

This all goes back to Hurricane Katrina and the various effects after such



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

a storm. We all remember seeing looters on television taking anything that they could carry. I know that stealing is wrong, but when faced with what those people went through I can’t blame anyone from taking food, diapers, or clothing to keep warm.

I don’t think that anyone can say for certainty what they’d do in the same situation. We don’t know until we have to go through it and hopefully that will never happen.

Another incident that took place happened in Forrest County, Miss. Five days had passed with the residents getting no relief from the federal government. The sheriff of the town knew there were trucks of ice sitting idle at Camp Shelby, a FEMA staging area, and he also knew that he had residents suffering, many of them diabetics who needed to keep their insulin cold.

So he did when he felt was the right and human thing to do. He seized two of those trucks and ordered them to the towns of Petal and Brooklyn to distribute the ice. His deputies detained a National Guard soldier who tried to interfere.

Dozens of those resi-

dents say that they would have died without that ice, and that the sheriff saved their lives by having it sent there.

For his heroic behavior, the federal government is considering prosecuting the sheriff on charges of interfering with a federal operation.

Residents of Forrest County are circulating a petition in support of the sheriff, who has been in office since 1991, and are raising funds to pay for his defense should he need one.

To me, the only defense he needs is that he did the humane thing and helped people in need, and no one should fault him for that.

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Americans forced to go to Middle East if US reinstates draft

Many people of this great nation and abroad have said that the War on Terrorism, in retaliation to the September 11 attacks, may become known by future generations as the third of the world wars due to its global impact and the number of countries involved. However, others argue that it is highly unlikely that the current military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan will escalate to the point that the US would be engaged militarily with at least one other major military alliance, such as Russia or China if they so become allied with Iran. Either way it is good to note that until Sept. 11 from the creation of NATO that

they have had to enact their war articles. As of present the major media outlets have not taken to referring to the conflict as World War III but seem to be getting close. With every poll showing majorities of Americans both fed up with Bush's war against Iraq and convinced that Bush's invasion of Iraq has made Americans less safe, the President in a recent report in Newsweek said that along with VP Cheney has already ordered the U.S. Strategic Command come up with plans to strike Iran with tactical nuclear weapons. Also, it was reported in the "Jerusalem Post" before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel



Casey McCasland
Guest Columnist

Sharon fell ill that he had set a deadline of March, 31st to attack Iran. If Iran retaliates against Israel or the US in Iraq, then both nations will proceed with a plan that is already in place to destroy all of Iran's biological, chemical and conventional weapons sites. In fact, this is the ultimate US strategy anyway; not the elimination of the "imaginary" nuclear weapons facilities. Both the US and Israel

want to "de-fang" the Mullah-regime so that they can control critical resources and eliminate the possibility of a regional rival in the future. In the short term, however, the plan is filled with difficulties. At present, there is no wiggle room in the world's oil supply for massive losses and gas prices will reach an all time because of this. If the administration's war on Iran goes forward we will see a shock to the world's oil supplies and economies that could be catastrophic. That being the case, a report that was leaked last week that Dick Cheney had strategic command draw up "contin-

gency plans for a tactical nuclear war against Iran". It makes no difference. If Iran is attacked they will retaliate; that much is certain. It's only a matter of time. You say, how does this affect the students here at UTM? We are at war with Iraq & Afghanistan, thousands of soldiers have been deployed since the winter of 2001, thousands have been sent to Iraq since 2003, and not to mention that the Military enlistment is at a low. What does this mean? When we do go to war with Iran, where are we going to get troops if not enough people volunteer? More than likely the draft will be reinstated and most of us will have to go and de-

fend the nation. Remember, this time it's not only male's who will be called upon. I would gladly defend my nation in this case. In a report done in the "Washington Post" an interviewer asked a white house official of the likelihood of the draft being reinstated, the official simply said "It has not been totally ruled out". It is a good idea for everyone to keep up on this even though recently things have been on the silent side. As I stated in an earlier article, remember it may be you soon on the battlefield.

MySpace should be MyStress

Have you noticed that things that we think are so great usually cause us the most stress? Many people have said that cell phones were a great invention, but now people are glued to their cell phone. The same goes for laptops, pda's like a Palm Pilot, and other inventions that supposedly make our life easier. During midterms I found myself wasting insane amounts of time on MySpace. I wasted so much time that I had to pull an all-nighter just to start and finish a ten page paper. I made a vow that I would drastically limit how much time that I was on websites like MySpace. Five minutes later, I was watching videos on MySpace. I had a problem, so I did the only thing I could think of. I deleted my MySpace profile. I find that I am blissfully unaware of drama that's going on with my



Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

friends, and I would prefer to keep it that way. I know that it's nice to receive messages from people and the occasional witty bulleting. However, I thought that if my friends needed to get a hold of me quick, I have a cell phone and an email account. Ninety-nine percent of the stupid chain bulletins are just annoying and stupid. So there's no real loss. I never knew how much stress MySpace caused until I was completely off of it. I no longer spend a several hours everyday checking for any changes in my friends' profiles or blogs. Another thing that I've cut out is blogs. I'll admit that I had a blog on MySpace just to keep everyone up-to-

date on my life. If there was a big event or fun weekend, I would post it online. I had a private journal that only a few friends of mine read. I aired out my problems, they would offer solutions or words of encouragement, and I would do the same to them. However, I found that even blogging got to be stressful. So, I deleted my blog. I thought that if one of my friends needed advice or words of encouragement, they know my email. Why do people even more stress on their selves by signing up for these needless sites? I'll admit that MySpace was fun when I first signed up for it, but then it went down hill. I don't need MySpace, Facebook, or any blog site. It's just needless crap to waste time on. I could use that time studying for classes, working more hours, or even thinking about the meaning of life.

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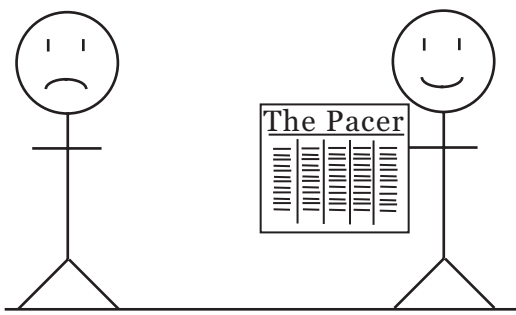


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SGA tackles tough agenda, approves campus-wide internship coordinator position

Heather Roland
Asst. News Editor

A heavy agenda bombarded the Student Government Association Senate Thursday night as three items of focus were thoroughly discussed.

UTM Vice Chancellor and Chair of Ceremonies Committee Tom Rakes informed Senate that a new graduation attendance policy would have to be administered this year as a result of the high number of graduating seniors this spring.

Rakes said that there are so many spring graduates this year that the possibility of an excessive amount of guests could serve as a potential risk. To insure that the fire marshal does not shut down the commencement activities in May, the Ceremonies Committee has initiated the distribution of free graduation attendance tickets.

“(UTM is) recognized throughout the region for having some of the best organized and most dignified commencement ceremonies of any of the universities,” said Rakes as he expected the new ticket process to not contain any problems.

After this commencement ceremony, UTM will review the process by asking people about their experiences with the process so that they can make improvements for next year.

The next topic on the SGA Senate agenda was the ad-hoc committee’s recommendation toward the combination/renovation of the food court and game room. The

SGA in brief

The Senate passed a resolution in support of a university-wide internship coordinator position at Thursday’s meeting, and also voted not to support university plans to renovate the first floor of the UC.

Proposed action

Merge the game room and the food court into one general area, making the game room a “Technology Central.”

Proposed action

Establish a university-wide internship coordinator position, taking internships away from academic departments and centralizing them into one office.

So far ...

A layout design of the possible food court-game room shows the food court with various eating stations, as well as a game room that will have an appearance similar to that of a sports bar. The new design called for 400 square feet of student space to be lost for the tech central.

Administrators told senators that students would not have to pay for the renovations.

SGA Senate established an ad hoc committee to investigate the project. The five-member committee voted 3-1 not to support the food court/game room combination and Tech Central.

The survey conducted by the committee was deemed “unscientific” because its sample size was 50.

Decision/Vote

A majority of Senate took the committee’s recommendation and voted not to support the project.

Facts

Information Technology Services Director Shannon Burgin addressed the Senate.

Burgin told senators that merging the computer store and new digital printing services will be an advance to the UC and provide more retail space.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten said the project would cost \$77,000 to renovate the food court and game room. Hooten said additional funds would be needed for Tech Central, which would not come out of the Food Services budget.

Comments

“You are getting something new,” John Abel said.

“I don’t see the necessity in doing this,” Sen. Chris Engelman said about the shuffling of room locations and the money to be spent on their relocations.

committee was chaired by Chris Cherry.

The survey concluded that the students strongly disagreed with the loss of the square footage and disagreed with the moving of J.W. Market.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten was on hand to discuss the project.

The majority of the SGA Senate agreed with the ad-hoc committee’s recommendation and officially voted to not support the

project.

The third big item of business was the introduction of senate bills. The first bill read was proposed by the Academic Affairs Committee. They introduced the creation of an Internship Coordinator position.

Chair Rebecca Dailey read that there is a growing need for a coordinator to help students find internships because several employers today are looking for applicants with on-the-job experience. They want

to resolve this problem by recommending that the Department of Academic Affairs create a part-time or full-time Internship Coordinator position that would require a Bachelor’s degree, the creation and maintenance of an online-database of employers, as well as the implementation of two Internship Days each semester.

“I think that this is such a good idea because I just recently went to my advisor asking about internships in

psychology and he had no idea (about any opportunities),” Sen. Bonike Akinsanya said.

The SGA Senate passed this bill.

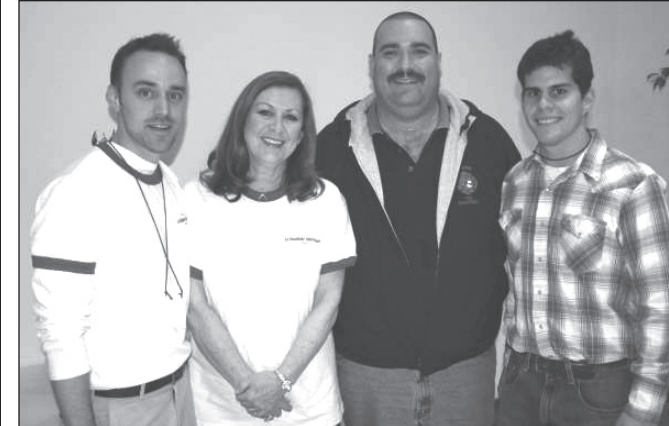
In other news:

• Two additional bills were read at this meeting concerning the need for Legislative Council meetings and the continuation of Diversity Week each year. These bills have been tabled for two weeks and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

• Shannon Burgin informed the SGA Senate that the computer lab in Humanities 118 will be moved to the UC. The 36 computers are suspected to be stationed in the lobby area of the 2nd floor. Humanities 118 will be converted into more classroom space.

• Jeremy Johnson and Sergio Bustillo resigned from the Senate.

For more information on graduation ticket policies, see ‘Tickets’ on Page One.



A group of students and community members helped with last week’s LeBonheur Marathon (top). Below is Shawn Nanny (left) and David Taylor (right) with two parents whose children were helped through the program.

‘Margaret’s Museum’ opens Canadian film series

Staff Reports

The UTM Department of Modern Foreign Languages will sponsor a Canadian film series. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium in the UC on campus.

The first film, “Margaret’s Museum,” will be shown March 31. “My Uncle Antoine” (“Mon oncle Antoine”) will be shown April 4 and “The Barbarian Invasions” (“Les Invasions Barbares”) will be shown April 7.

“Margaret’s Museum” is set on the coast of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It provides an in-depth view of daily life in the 1930s of a small community which cherishes its Scottish traditions and culture. Margaret, the main character, has suffered through the death of her father and

her brother, both of whom perished while working as coal miners. She has subsequently developed a hatred for the mines that provide the region’s primary source of economic support. When she finds herself attracted to a charming stranger, Neil, she is happy and relieved to learn that he has no plans to work in the mines. Soon after their marriage, financial difficulties force Neil to go back on his word and return to the mines. Rebelling against the harsh reality which hems her in, Margaret decides to create an unusual museum to show the world the “true price of coal.” This film is in English and will be introduced by Angelina MacKewn, UTM assistant professor.

“My Uncle Antoine” is Claude Jutra’s lyrical masterpiece about the coming-of-age of a 15-year-old boy

in a small Quebec village in the eastern townships. It is one of the most influential Canadian films ever made. Jutra filmed “My Uncle Antoine” on location in the backwoods of Quebec, using many of the local inhabitants. The result is a gentle, nostalgic and deeply moving film which contrasts the traditional lifestyles of the Quebecers with the encroachment of the modern industrial world and evokes universal truths about death, fear, love and desire. The film will be shown in French with English subtitles. It will be introduced by Dr. Lucia Florido, UTM assistant professor.

“The Barbarian Invasions” is a film that centers on a dissolute Quebec history professor named Remy, who is diagnosed with terminal cancer. His friends and colleagues, for-

mer wife and former lovers gather with him at a lakeside cottage to prepare a gourmet feast and help him depart this world in style. Despite the sad plot, the film is at times funny and heartwarming, as the main character, confronted by his own mortality, passes his career and life in review. This award-winning film was directed by Quebec’s leading filmmaker, Denys Arcand. It will be shown in French with English subtitles and introduced by Dr. Robert Peckham, UTM professor.

The series is free and open to the public. It is funded by the UTM College of Humanities and Fine Arts and by a Canadian Government Program Enhancement Grant.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Talk Time

Sandy Brunner, student assistant at the English Writing Center, will lead discussions throughout the semester to help students practice conversational skills through the Writing Center. Topics include culture, entertainment, news and grammar. Talk Time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Humanities 209.

Grad school guidance

The Office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of the *Graduate School Guide*, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada. Copies are available in UC 213.

Freshman Council

The Student Government Association Freshman Council

will meet at 9 p.m. Thursday in the UC Legislative Chambers. SGA’s meetings are open to the public.

Allies

UTM’s GLBT social and activist group, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Sociology 102.

Campus interviews

The Williamson County School District will be conducting on-campus interviews March 23 for prospective teachers with education degrees. The school is in Franklin, Tenn. Federated Insurance will be on campus March 31 for sales representatives. Any degree is acceptable, and the positions are nationwide. Contact Employment Information Services for more information.

Communications Day

The Communications Career Day banquet will be held March 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Duncan Ballroom in the UC. Tickets for the buffet banquet are \$10 each and will be on sale at the UC Information Desk March 8 through March 24. Banquet speaker is UTM Communications alumnus Myles Luster of Warner Music Group, Los Angeles.

Pike Fights

Pi Kappa Alpha will present “Pike Fights XVII” at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7 in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The fraternity boxing event will benefit the Weakley County Reading Railroad, a branch of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. The Golden Gloves regulation tournament costs \$8 for general admission and \$10 for ringside

seating.

Mayors’ Forum

The Weakley County Mayors’ Forum will be at 7 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium.

Foreign Film Series

The next installment of the Foreign Film Series will be *Margaret’s Museum* and will be shown at 6 p.m. Friday in Watkins Auditorium. The film is free.

Student/Faculty basketball game

There will be a “Battle of the Brains” student vs. faculty basketball game at 7 p.m. today in the Student Life Center. Tickets can be purchased from any member of Gamma Beta Phi or at the door. Tickets are \$1. Faculty interested in playing should contact Dr. Dan Tracy.

Faculty reception

Sigma Chi Fraternity is hosting a faculty reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in UC 206C. Refreshments will be provided, and all faculty are welcome to attend.

Financial aid

The Financial Aid Office has Perkins loan money still available for the spring and summer semesters. If you are interested in receiving Perkins loans, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

Staff Applications for The Pacer will be available March 30 in conjunction with Communications Career Day. To apply, visit our Web site at <http://pacer.utm.edu/jobs/> or pick up an application from 305D Gooch.

Mayoral forum to feature local leaders, issues

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

Students interested in local politics will have an opportunity to meet several regional mayors tonight at 6:30 in the University Center during the “Meet the Mayors” forum.

The forum, which is organized and sponsored by the 2006 Leadership Weakley County class, will feature the mayors of Martin (Randy Brundige), Dresden (Danny Forrester), Sharon (James Gary Roberts), Greenfield (Ed McKelvy) and Ron Gifford, Weakley County mayor.

Election: Continued from Cover

The position of student body president is also contested in this year’s election.

Sen. Erin Chambers will be facing incumbent President James Orr for the presidency.

President Orr served his first term as president this year as a member of the Effective Connections Party, which picked up all three positions on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee comprises the president, vice president and secre-

“This is a rare opportunity for citizens to hear major elected leaders in our county gathered in one location to discuss issues that affect everyone,” said Doug Obetz, president-elect of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and member of the Leadership Weakley County class.

“We’re grateful to these officials for agreeing to participate, and we encourage citizens to both submit questions and attend the forum,” said Obetz.

Nick Dunagan, UTM chancellor, will give the opening remarks at the forum. After which the fo-

tary general.

Chambers, who represents the College of Humanities and Fine Arts as a first-term senator, is a member of the UTMFirst Party. However, Chambers is running for the presidency as an independent.

Effective Connections is the only political party fielding candidates in this year’s election, and 2006 is Effective Connections’ second year of operation.

Effective Connections is running candidates in all three Executive Commit-

tee positions. James Orr will represent the party as their presidential nominee, Chris Cherry will represent the party unopposed for vice president, and Lindsey Sutherland will represent the party unopposed for secretary general.

Effective Connections is also endorsing eight senate candidates.

All candidates must pass a test over the SGA Constitution to maintain their eligibility, and a campus-wide debate took place after press time yesterday.

rum will be moderated by Tommy Moore, Weakley County general sessions judge.

After the officials make their opening statements, they will then respond to questions submitted earlier by Weakley County citizens.

“Our hope is that this forum will become an annual event,” said Gretchen Rozeboom, Westview High School agriculture teacher and member of the leadership class.

“The more we’re all informed, the stronger Weakley County will be as we solve problems and plan

for future growth,” said Rozeboom.

Leadership Weakley County, which is sponsored by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, is a program designed to involve local citizens. The citizens participate in participate in seven seminars designed to enhance awareness and develop leadership skills.

The leadership class has several Martin members, including Bud Grimes, UTM Director of University Relations.

The forum is a group project by the 2006 leadership class.

SGA Election timeline

March 31
Candidates may begin to distribute paper materials and posters.

April 7
Campaign finance forms due to election officials.

April 12-13
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Elections in UC Gameroom and Gooch lobby.

Search: Continued from Cover

candidate’s visit.

The student open forums, sponsored by SGA, will be held each night at 8:30 on the day of the candidate’s visit. The student open forum for Dr. Hebert will be held in Watkins Auditorium. Because of Watkins Auditorium not being available, all of the other student open forums will be held in room 206ABC of the UC.

The Pacer and WUTM will have 20 minute live interviews with each of the candidates. These media outlets plan to ask the candidates what it is that they can contribute to UTM and find out what student affairs experience the candidates would offer. The live interviews will be aired on WUTM 90.3 FM. Hebert and Gaston will be interviewed by The Pacer and WUTM at 11 a.m. on the day of their campus visit. Durant will be interviewed at 4:10 p.m., on the day he visits campus and Belote will interview at 2:30 p.m. on April 27.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan is expected to hear the search committee’s recommendations and select someone to fill the position before the end of the Spring semester. For more information on each of the

Candidate forums

April 19
Dr. Deborrah Hebert
• 3 p.m., Legislative Chambers (UC 111)
• 8:30 p.m., Watkins

April 20
Dr. Gary Gaston
• 3 p.m., Legislative Chambers (UC 111)
• 8:30 p.m., UC 206

April 24
Dr. Leroy Durant
• 3 p.m., Legislative Chambers (UC 111)
• 8:30 p.m., UC 206

April 27
David Belote
• 3 p.m., Legislative Chambers (UC 111)
• 8:30 p.m., UC 206

Applications from each candidate are available on our Web site.

candidates visit The Pacer online at <http://pacer.utm.edu>

Bios offered for SGA contested SGA slots

Biographies for candidates for the SGA Executive Committee and contested races are listed below. All information is not edited and is directly from the candidate.

President

Erin Chambers
Greeting Fellow Skyhawks! My name is Erin Chambers. I’m Political Science major from Bartlett, TN. I am currently a member of the Student Government Association, serving as a Senator from the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. During my two years in SGA, I have served as Freshman Council Procedures Committee Chairperson and many other leadership roles. Just a few of my external leadership positions include: Resident Assistant in McCord and Browning Halls, Assistant Vice President for SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), Red Carpet Day Committee Chairperson for BSA, a mentor for the 2005 and 2006 Tennessee High School Leadership Conference and much more. I believe I would make an excellent President for the student body working hard to influence positive change on the campus of UT Martin. If elected, I would be honored to serve as your President for the upcoming 2006-2007 Fall and Spring semesters. Vote Erin Chambers!!!

James Orr
Effective Connections
My name is James Orr and I’m running for RE- Election as Student Body President at our University. The University is searching for a Vice Chancellor, Sodexo is looking for ways to better serve the student body, the Recreational Center Proposal goes before the Board of Trustees in June, the parking analysis will be conducted in the fall, and next year the SGA constitution will be revised. With all of these things going on it is important to have a representative in office that is experienced. We need someone that can come into office and fight for students without having to learn the process. I have chosen to run for Re- Election because I have a great passion for serving the Student Body at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Please come out and vote to re-elect me as your Student Body President. Also, vote to elect Chris Cherry as Student Body Vice President, Lindsey Sutherland as Student Body Secretary General, and all of the qualified members of Effective Connections.

Vice President

Chris Cherry
Effective Connections
My name is Chris Cherry and I am seeking the opportunity to serve the students of UTM as their Student Body Vice President.

I am a sophomore agricultural education major from Henderson, TN. This past year in the Student Government Association, I have served as a Senator from the College Of Agriculture and Applied Sciences as well as the Senate Procedures Committee Chairperson. I have also served as chairman of the Senate’s Special Committee on Possible Game Room and Food Court Renovations. I am very excited about the upcoming elections, and I hope to have the opportunity to serve the student body once again in the coming year. Please support all of the members of Effective Connections.

Secretary General

Lindsey Sutherland
Effective Connections
My name is Lindsey Sutherland and I am from Martin, Tennessee. I am a junior English major also pursuing a minor in Political Science. Over the past three years at UTM, I have performed numerous leadership roles in Alpha Delta Pi, Sigma Tau Delta, English Society, and Rho Lambda. More recently I was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi honor society’s local chapter at UTM representing the top ten percent of my class. I had the privilege of serving the student body as a senator for the college of Humanities and Fine Arts last year and would appreciate the opportunity to continue representing the students of UTM as Secretary General for the upcoming term. I know I can effectively represent the wants and needs of our student body at UTM if given the chance. I encourage everyone to come out and vote April 12 and 13 for the Effective Connections.

SGA Senate: Humanities and Fine Arts

Andrea Cash
Andrea Cash was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated from Kirby High School with honors in 2004. She enrolled in the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall of 2004 and is currently a sophomore majoring in International Studies, with a minor in Spanish and a concentration in Political Science. She has been active on campus and has joined organizations such as SAC and BSA. She is also an active member of organizations such as Alpha Psi Omega, International Students Association and College Democrats.

Cash has participated in Memphis in May’s student exchange to Seoul, South Korea in 2003. She has also received numerous awards through Business Professionals of America, including second in the state of Tennessee and eleventh in the nation for interviewing skills. Cash has also

interned for a number of summers in the Shelby County Mayor’s Office.

Ms. Cash plans to attend graduate school to continue her study of foreign affairs. She also intends to join the Peace Corps. She hopes to one day work for the Federal Government.

Beau Grant
No biography provided.

Amelia Kosta
Effective Connections
No biography provided.

Cassi Keeton
My name is Cassi Keeton and I am a freshman here at UT Martin. I am from Decaturville, Tennessee. I am running for one of the SGA Senate positions in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. This past year I have served as part of the Freshmen Council and really enjoyed it. I would love to continue my SGA experience as a Senator.

I graduated from Decatur County Riverside High School in 2005. There I was the FCCLA Vice-President, Class Reporter, member of the Beta Club and I played basketball. I came to the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall of 2005. I am a communications major with a sequence in broadcast. I am a member of Women in Communications and Freshmen Council. I work at Food Giant in Parsons, Tennessee on weekends and during breaks.

I think UTM is a great place to go to school with lots of great people. This school also has many great organizations, with SGA being one of them. This past year has been a learning experience and I have loved every thing I have been a part of.

Erin Smith
No biography provided.

Lara Casey
My name is Lara Casey and I am applying for the position of senator in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. I am a freshman from Jackson, Tennessee with an undeclared major. I am currently serving as a member of Freshman Council and am on the Academic Affairs committee. I have been a Freshman Council representative for SGA Networking Weekend, a mentor for the Youth Summit High School Leadership Conference, and attended a senator retreat to further understand what it takes to become a successful senator.

I am, also, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and am a LEAD Level 1 student. I feel that my well-rounded and versatile organizations have allowed me to be a qualified candidate for the position of senator in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. I would love the opportunity to further serve the Student Government Association so your consideration and vote would be greatly appreciated.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

10:20 a.m., March 18 Mt. Pelia Road Layla A Elhulu was issued a citation for speeding and seat belt violation. (City Court)	8:04 a.m., March 23 Student Life Center Vehicle accidentally damaged the sign in front of the building. (Report on file.)
1:27 p.m., March 20 Football Building Received notification the fire alarm was sounding, officers and fire dept. responded and determined it to be a false alarm. The system was reset.	11:44 a.m., March 23 University Courts Subject reported their bicycle was missing. (Report on file.)
3:17 p.m., March 20 Administration Building Received notification that a subject had slipped and fallen on the stairs, the subject refused medical treatment.	11:33 p.m., March 23 Hospital Report of a subject who had injured their self on campus. (Report on file.)
2:41 p.m., March 22 Browning Hall Subject reported items missing from the room. (Investigation continues.)	11:56 a.m., March 24 University St. Linda K. Phelps was issued a citation for crosswalk violation. (City Court)
8:38 a.m., March 22 Lot 2 Traffic Accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file.)	12:18 p.m., March 24 University St. Alice J. Lylell was issued a citation for crosswalk violation. (City Court)
7:10 p.m., March 22 Lot 5 Edwin L. Roberts was arrested for public intoxication. (General Sessions Court)	12:35 p.m., March 24 University St. Kiwaski R. Vaughn was issued a citation for crosswalk violation. (City Court)
8:00 a.m., March 23 UTM Campus Employee reported lost university key. (Report on file.)	1:55 p.m., March 24 University St. Jessica M. Reinelt was issued a citation for reckless driving. (General Sessions Court)

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Senior recital travels through different musical periods

Ekaterina Marchenko
Staff Writer

Linda Farmer is a true example of the saying “hard work pays off.” She has been practicing her piano skills to perform for the Martin community, her friends and professors, and most importantly her parents and her “favorite grandpa.”

Farmer performed her senior piano recital, her second recital this year, and gained the full attention of the audience. This was her night and she did a marvelous job making sure it turned out perfectly.

One of the audience members noted that performing musical masterpieces in such a way made Linda a masterpiece.

“She has always been a very diligent student,”

Amy Yeung, assistant professor of Voice said. “She accompanies many prominent local musicians and has been pretty active in a musical world.”

The musical program, which was chosen by Farmer with a little help from her professor, had a variety of piano masterpieces of different periods and cultures. In general, her choices constituted the traditional European works from Classical-era Italian sonatas to twentieth century Neoclassicism pieces.

As Scott Roberts, the associate professor of Musical Theory noted, “Different periods have to be covered as a requirement of the program. Both student and professor pick out the pieces.”

Farmer started out by bringing in the extrava-

gant baroque music of Domenico Scarlatti’s sonatas. His music is characterized by culminating notes running in rapid succession instead of sounding simultaneously. Then she moved on to the less cluttered and smoother classical melodies of Wolfgang Mozart, whose piece didn’t seem to contain a predominant tone or beat.

The three sonatas of Scarlatti were similar, but were unique. The three-part sonata of Mozart served as a good example of typical classical music. The audience enjoyed Farmer’s polished skills, even though the extra long last piece of Mozart “*Andante: Theme and Twelve Variations*” may have seemed as a monotonous repetition of the same melody with minor variations.

After the intermission, the

last three works revived the hall with their more down-to-earth modern melodies. While the strong and gloomy tone of the twentieth century composer Benjamin Lees’ “*Fantasia*” kept the audience on edge, Claude Debussy’s “*L’isle joyeuse*” of the Romantic era turned out to be one of the favorites. The melody pleased the audience with its duplicating running notes and setting the mood with a steadier, slower but louder beat in its second part.

Franz Liszt’s “*Un sospiro*” turned out to be another complicated piece, requiring Farmer’s full concentration.

“It’s so involved,” Farmer said, noting that it took her a while to get it right.

The two major parts of “*Un sospiro*” created a dou-



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer

Linda Farmer plays the piano in her second senior recital of the year. Her first recital featured the flute.

ble layer of two main different melodies. The smoothly duplicating background notes served as a foundation for the individual, slow notes, which added some color and acted as the main feature of the piece.

At the end of the recital, the Fine Arts main floor was filled with Farmer’s fans and praises.

Farmer is a Music-Piano Pedagogy and Math Education double major.

Comedian provides a new twist on southern humor

Rebecca Gray
Staff Writer

Cow tipping was one of the many hilarious issues pondered at the latest 909 Comedy Series performance held in Watkins Auditorium last Thursday night.

Alexandra McHale entertained the crowd of college students with her fresh take on many popular southern jokes. Thursday night’s performance was her third here at UTM.

She is a nationally recognized comedian, having performed on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and the Comedy Central show *Premium Blend*. She has also appeared on VH1 shows, including *I Love the 80’s*.

McHale involved members of the audience for her routine when asking them questions and occasionally poking fun at some who confessed to cow tipping, or as she referred to it, “cow beating.”

McHale’s audience laughed immensely while she spoke with her trademark gutsy style and sassy tone. She satirized things from college dorm room awkwardness to the enormity and irony of Wal-Mart stores across America to the stereotypes surrounding her own Irish descent.

Some of the audience favorites included her descriptions of small-town, immature cheerleaders and growing up with embarrassing parents. McHale recanted her adventures in a small West Virginia town



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Comedian Alexandra McHale entertained UTM with her jokes on southern living and “cow tipping”. She has apperaed on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and Comedy Central’s Premium Blend.

where she visited a haunted house off campus from an incredibly creepy and “hick-infested” college.

Some of her funnier jokes revolved around the absurdity of horror movies and her obsession with ghosts. McHale also made fun of the arrogant one-uppers, people she meets constantly in her circle of friends. She spoke about “cattle cruelty” that goes on in small towns and amusing stereotypes surrounding college couples. She also spoke of the hilarity of drunken college students and their follies in public, and the ridiculousness of nicknames for people with the weirdest hang ups.

“I thought they were a very warm audience,” McHale said after her performance. “They were great. I like performing down in the south.”

“One thing I liked is that she has been on so

many TV shows,” said Natalie Carroll, a sophomore Graphic Design major from Linden. “The show tonight was really funny. I liked the southern jokes even though I’m as southern as can be.”

“I learned not to judge the comic before the joke was done,” said senior Nick Coones. “She has a really crazy and funny comedy style.”

A native of Connecticut, McHale currently resides in Los Angeles.

The Comedy Series performances are sponsored by the Student Activities Council. They are free to the public. For more information on upcoming shows, visit the UTM homepage under the Campus Calendars link and visit www.alexandramchale.com for information about the comedian.

took home third place in the individual category by playing “Mood for a Day” on the guitar.

The first place winners in the group category were the members of the musical group The Triumvirate, who performed “The Space Between Us.” Members include: Derek Ezell, Chris Johnson, and Eric Wilson.

“We just started the band for the talent show and we are trying to move on to bigger things,” says Wilson.

Winners in both categories received trophies and cash prizes. Money raised by the talent show will go towards the Red Cross and Hurricane Katrina victims.

Students highlight magic, piano, karate skills at SGA Talent Show

Rachel Mansfield
Staff Writer

A showcase of UTM’s finest talent was alive and well at the SGA Freshman Council Talent Show last Wednesday. The talent performances ranged from singing to magic tricks, and even included some advanced karate skills.

The talent show had nine participants, which included Casey McCasland, The Triumvirate, Katie Moody, Stuart Shaw, Jude Miller, Chambliss Roberts, Brad Hurt, and Justin Chandler. The show also had a piano performance by SGA Vice President and FC Advisor, Rachel Jayne Hammond.

Prizes were awarded to individual talent and also to group talent participants. First place in the individual talent category went to Justin Chandler. Chandler performed an array of magic tricks including a disappearing act with a duck.

“I’ve been doing magic since I was five year old and I have a life-long love for it,” says Chandler. “I enjoy performing at every opportunity I get and I think it’s great that the Freshman Council puts on a showcase of talent on campus.”

Chambliss Roberts captured second place in the individual awards by singing, and Stuart Shaw

Musicale entertains crowd with songs from all genres

Ekaterina Marchenko
Staff Writer

Members of Phi Mu Alpha, a nationally recognized musical fraternity, performed their American Musicale Wednesday night at the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The program kept the audience excited with its variety of sound, covering genres such as rock ‘n’ roll and choir.

“There were a lot of good pieces,” said Sarah Lemons, a senior Music Vocals major. “They were well performed.”

The program began with a performance of Howard Bass’s “Night Tide”, with Justin Condron playing trombone and Bryan Scott playing marimba. The combination of such different instruments created a unique sound with little or no coherent melody. It seemed that the two instruments were playing independently to their own tunes, only at times uniting together.

John Mayer’s “Daughters” was replaced by Edwin McCain’s “I’ll Be,” creat-



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer

The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha perform their American Musicale, which features music from many genres.

ing a serious mood with its sentimental lyrics about love. It was presented by guitarist Adrian Baker and vocalist Josh Gatlin.

Quickly altering the tone, “The Roaring Twenties” by Paul Nagle brought about the fast-moving, happy atmosphere of the prosperous post-World War I years. It was played on large members of the wind instrument family like the tuba, horn and trombone.

The two choir performances of “Night Shadows Falling” by Friedrich

Flemming and “Prayer of the Children” by Kurt Bestor created a solemn mood of tranquility in one and sadness for the dead children in the later.

The audience was truly revived to the sound of the electric guitar and drums and the lyrics of rock powerhouse A Perfect Circle’s “The Package.”

The evening was completed with “Sinfonian Parting Song,” marking the true connection of a fraternity.

CATS purr-fect for local theatre

Rebecca Gray
Staff Writer

CATS has been performed around the country and around the world for over 22 years, and only recently the Capitol Theatre in Union City, a community theatre, had the opportunity to produce it.

CATS is based on a book entitled “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats” by T.S. Elliot. Andrew Lloyd Webber composed the music before the show’s first performance in London in 1981.

While most of the play was performed by over 30 talented singers, dancers, and actors from throughout Obion County, several performers have ties to UT Martin, including Rita Winters, who has worked with the UTM Opera and Vanguard Theatre; Glenda Mash, a senior at UTM; and Wade Maness, also a UTM student.

A shortened synopsis of the musical, as explained on Andrew Lloyd Webber’s official website, progresses as follows: “Tonight is a particularly special night of the year when the tribe of Jellicle cats unite to cel-

ebrate who they are.

“Victoria, a young white cat, dances to signal The Invitation to the Jellicle Ball. Munkustrap, a large grey tabby, explains that the Jellicle Cats meet once a year to rejoice. They are waiting for their leader, the wise Old Deuteronomy, who will choose which of the Jellicle Cats will make the journey to the Heavyside Layer to be reborn into a new life.

“One of the cats, Grizabella, is shunned by the rest of the tribe despite being a Jellicle Cat. She left the tribe years ago to explore the outside world and now wants to return,” according to the Web site.

“At last the time has come for Old Deuteronomy to make the Jellicle Choice and decide which cat will be reborn into a new Jellicle life. At that moment, Grizabella reappears. This time the cats accept her back into the tribe and it is she who is chosen to journey to the Heavyside Layer and be reborn,” according to the Web site.

The finely choreographed dancing and singing adds to the lure of the cats and their elusive natures. The

costumes were made to resemble real cats; they were mostly slinky body suits complete with furry tails, ears and heads. The makeup was real-looking as well since it was applied to suit the different types of cats portrayed.

“Honestly and truly, this has been the experience of a lifetime. I’m glad for the opportunity because it was incredible,” said Mash, who played the role of Chausie and also contributed to costume design for the performance.

“The show has been great because it involves so many young people who were exposed to this type of production. Small towns such as ours don’t normally have these opportunities. I want to thank everybody involved in the production and the patrons who support it because without them, the show would not have been possible,” said John Easley, a Union City resident who played Old Deuteronomy.

“I’m glad I could keep up with everybody,” said Linda St. Clair, who played the part of Asparagus. “You’re never too old to be a cat.”



Skyhawks soar in series over Southeast Missouri

Baseball sweeps first OVC series in 12 seasons

Jose Irvin
Staff Writer

The Skyhawks began the Ohio Valley Conference baseball season doing something they haven't done since 1994: sweeping a conference series.

Play started with a double header Saturday afternoon at Skyhawk Field against Southeast Missouri State.

UTM won the first game in extra innings, with a score of 3-2, and then went on to win the second game 2-1.

The Skyhawks and SEMO played evenly through the first seven innings of game one. The score was tied at 2-all after UTM first baseman Jason Hockaday scored off of a single by left fielder Zane Gresback. UTM was able to take the first game after center-fielder Zach Dean stole third base in the bottom of the tenth inning. Dean managed to reach home and score the game winning run on a throwing error by SEMO's catcher.

The Skyhawks batted .250 the first game, and scored three runs on eight hits. Starting pitcher Adam Ledlow worked six innings and allowed six hits and

two runs, while walking three batters and striking out two.

In the nightcap game, SEMO jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the fourth inning. The Skyhawks scored the final two runs of the game in the fifth inning to take a 2-1 lead over Southeast Missouri. The team stood strong the remainder of the game and held on for a victory.

Jacob Smothers pitched a complete game for UTM in game two only allowing four hits and one run, while striking out four batters and walking five.

OVC Records (as of 3/26)		
SAM		3-0
<i>UTM</i>		<i>3-0</i>
JSU		2-1
TTU		2-1
EKU		1-1
MOR		1-1
APSU		1-2
EIU		1-2
SEMO		0-3
MUR		0-3

UTM improved to a 7-13 overall record and a 2-0 OVC record with the two wins on Saturday. Their next scheduled game was Sunday afternoon in the series closing game.

The Skyhawks went on to complete the 3-game series sweep over Southeast Missouri State with a 1-0 victory.

The Skyhawks rode the shoulder of junior pitcher Ryan Rockholt who pitched seven and two-thirds innings and struck out a career-high 10 batters. Rockholt only allowed four hits and four walks for his first win of the season.

Shortstop Lance Renton scored UTM's only run of the game off of a double by designated hitter Kevin Holt.

The wins over the Redhawks not only mark the first OVC series sweep for the Skyhawks in 12 years, but it is also the first 3-game series win under the direction of head coach Victor 'Bubba' Cates.

With the win, the Skyhawks improve to 8-13 overall and a 3-0 Ohio Valley Conference record.

The Skyhawks next game will be at Southern Illinois on Wed., March 29 at 2 p.m.



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Junior Jason Hockaday stretches to make the catch at first base during the weekend's series sweep against SEMO.

Softball picks up single win over APSU in shortened doubleheader



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Junior Brittany Nash slides in for the run during Thursday's scheduled doubleheader against the Austin Peay Lady Governors. The second game was called in the fifth inning due to darkness and rescheduled for April 20 in Clarksville.

Golfers finish ninth at Grub Mart-Young Oil Intercollegiate Tourney

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

The UTM golf team placed ninth at the 14th Annual Grub Mart-Young Oil Intercollegiate March 20-21 at Silver Lakes Golf Course in Jacksonville, Ala.

The Skyhawks struggled on par-3s, scoring 21-over-par for the tournament, which was shortened to two rounds due to rain.

"We threw away 21 strokes on par-3s on both days," head coach Jerry Carpenter said. "The par-3s ate our lunch."

The Skyhawks led par-5 scoring with 13-under-par.

"Putting was one of our weak points, but overall we played really good on par-5s," said Bradley Stevens, a freshman from Brentwood. "We hit the ball really

well off the tee. Our iron play was good," Carpenter said.

Host Jacksonville State won the tournament with a team score of 575. The University of New Orleans was second with a 578 and Morehead State. was third with a 582. The Skyhawks carded a 595.

Kenji Murayama of New Orleans was the tournament's medalist, shooting a 5-under-par 139 on rounds of 65 and 74.

UTM placed two golfers in the top 25 with sophomore Robert Lents, from Jackson, and Stevens both shooting 148 and finishing tied for 23rd.

Stevens shot 3-over-par 75 in the first round and 1-over-par 73 in the second with Lents shooting an even-par 72 in the first and

4-over-par 76 in the second. "I feel that Brad Stevens probably played the green better than anybody. Putting was his problem," Carpenter said.

Junior Trey McNeil, from Dyersburg, carded the best round for the Skyhawks with a 1-under-par 71 second round. McNeil finished tied for 35th with a two round 6-over-par 150.

Senior Reise Kelly and freshman Wesley Stewart both finished with an 8-over-par 152 and tied for 44th. Kelly carded 76 on both rounds while Stewart had rounds of 77 and 75.

The team returns to action at the Belmont University Invitational April 2-4 at the Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin.

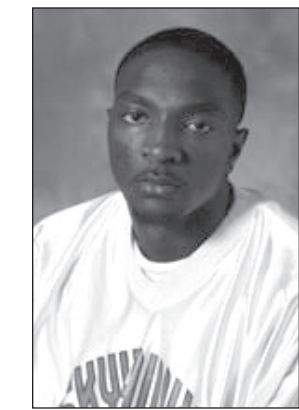
UTM hoopster invited to NBA pre-draft Portsmouth Invitational Tournament

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Skyhawks senior Jared Newson has been invited to participate in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament April 5-8, the only postseason event before the NBA Draft Camp in Orlando.

Newson was one of 64 college seniors invited to play in the prestigious, four-day event. He will have a great opportunity to display his skills to more than 200 NBA representatives from all 30 teams, the NBA Operations Offices and the NBA Scouting Office.

The tournament, which will be played at Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va., is in its 54th year of existence and is comprised of eight teams of eight players each. The



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Jared Newson

tournament will include 11 games over four days.

The 6-5, forward from Belleville, Ill., earned first team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors for the Skyhawks this past season.

He averaged 18.8 points and 6.6 rebounds per

game. He became the tenth Skyhawk player ever to score 1,000 points in a career. Newson finished his three-year tenure at UTM with 1,347 points, and is the university's third all-time leading scorer.

Newson earned OVC Player of the Week honors three times this past season, and he scored double-digits in 27 of 28 games. Newson scored a season-high 29 points twice this season.

To follow Newson at the Portsmouth Invitational, check out:
www.portsmouthinvitational.com

Tennis fights off weather, Eastern Illinois to pick up OVC victories

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk men and women's tennis teams continued their winning ways Sunday afternoon as both teams defeated Eastern Illinois University. The women won decisively, 7-0, while the men pulled out a tough 4-3 victory.

The women got off to a quick start when they swept all three doubles matches giving them the point. They carried this momentum into singles play, sweeping all six matches. The only match that was in doubt was at No. 1 singles where Katrina Domela won in a third set super tiebreak.

A deciding factor in the women's match was their preparation and mindset for the playing conditions.

Throughout the match the temperature was just above freezing and snow was piled up outside the courts.

"The girls practiced every-day last week outside in the cold and wind to prepare for this match," said Dennis Taylor, the Skyhawks' head coach.

"This preparation gave us the right mental mindset

and attitude going into this match. Without this, the match could have been a lot closer."

With the win, the women remain undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference at 4-0. The Skyhawk women return to Tuesday, March 28 when they host Southeast Missouri State at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

The men did not get off to a fast start against Eastern Illinois. The Skyhawks lost the doubles point, 2-1.

However, the Skyhawks quickly evened the match at 2-2 with Andre Yesipov and Stephan Bruwer pulling out close matches at No. 2 and 3 singles, respectively.

Olti Mollaymeri then tied the match again at 3-3 with a win at No. 5. Then with the match on the line, Chris Slabbert came through at No. 6 with clutch three-set win.

Just like the girls, the men had to rely on mental toughness and a do whatever it takes attitude to win this match.

"The men did what we call in tennis winning ugly," Taylor said. "They had the right mental attitude, in just hammering



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Senior Adolfo Anzola eyes the ball as he returns the serve during the recent Ohio Valley Conference match against Eastern Illinois. The Skyhawk men and women both picked up victories on Sunday afternoon in Charleston, Ill.

away until the momentum shifted and it finally did when Chris (Slabbert) won and gave us the victory."

"Like the girls, the men did not complain about the conditions, they just played tennis."

The men move to 2-2 in the conference with this win and will attempt to get above .500 in the OVC when

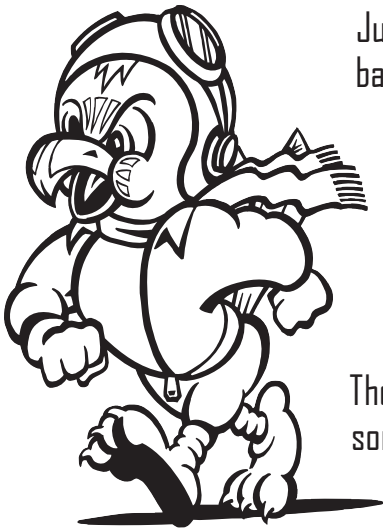
they take on Austin Peay Sat., April 1 at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

2006 Spring Football Practice Schedule

- 3/29 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 3/31 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/1 Practice starts at 10 a.m.
- 4/3 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/5 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/7 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/8 Junior Skyhawk Fundamental Clinic, 1 p.m.; Scrimmage 2 p.m.
- 4/10 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/12 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/13 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/14 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/18 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/19 Players arrive 3:20 p.m.; Practice starts 3:50 p.m.
- 4/20 Blue and Orange Scrimmage, 7 p.m. Hardy Graham Stadium

All Practices are open to the public

Ryan Rockholt has been named Skyhawk of the Week.



Junior Ryan Rockhot struck out a career-high 10 batters during the weekend's OVC series against Southeast Missouri.

The Biloxi, Miss. native threw seven and two-thirds innings and gave up four hits and four walks.

The victory marks Rockholt's first win of the season and gave the Skyhawks their first OVC series sweep since 1994.

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